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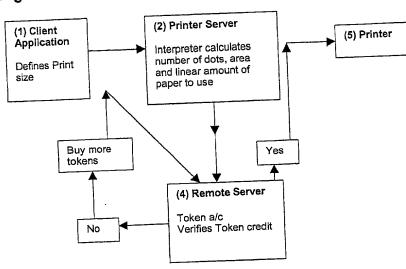


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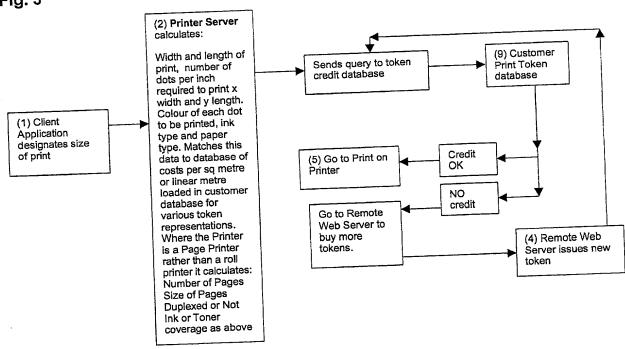


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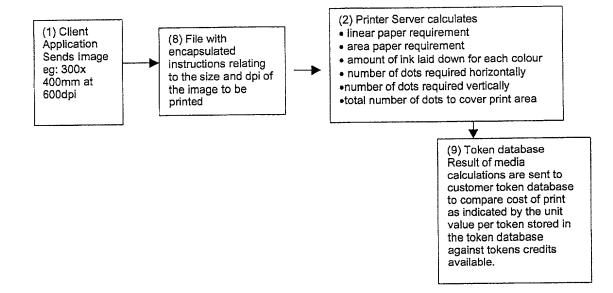


Fig. 5

Web Network Server

- 1. Start Web Network Server (WNS) Process.
- 2. Monitor and inform Printer Server Credit Token database (PSCTD) list of any Unit cost changes (8).
- Check Local Printer Server (LPS) incoming requests for permission to log in against valid LPS permission granted list (8).
- 4. Validate success? If Yes then allow LPS to log
- Validate denial? Pass LPS to application to take name and address details and apply for validation.
- 6. Exit Process
- 7. WNS validates LPS unique ID. If Yes.
- LPS can purchase new CC credits via credit or debit card.
- WNS Uploads new credit to LPS database which may be on a remote server.
- 10. Download details of media usage data
- 11. Exit

Fig. 6

Printer Server

- 1. Start Local Printer Server (LPS) (4)
- Enable PSCTD database <u>which may be</u> on a remote server.
- 3. PSCTD checks if there are available CT credits in database (9).
- 4. If CT (credit tokens) are validated.
- LPS computes available sq footage/meterage available under the remaining CT.
- LPS computes usage of credit as LPS prints to printing device(s) and writes cost to media cost database entries and updates remaining CT database entry.
- Checks remaining CT and calculates remaining square footage/meterage for which there remains credit. Displays this information
- Checks the remaining ink and media levels and warns user of need to replace/order media roll or fill up ink reservoirs for next job.
- If no CT remain log on to Web Network Server (8) with unique ID in order to facilitate the purchase of new CT credits.

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Fig.7

